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## IRS Approves Issuance by Tribes of First Tranche of Economic Development Bonds

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has allocated authority to issue Tribal Economic Development Bonds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

In <u>Notice 2009-51</u>, the IRS solicited applications for the allocation of \$2 billion of national bond volume limitation authority (volume cap) to issue Tribal Economic Development Bonds under section 7871(f) of the Internal Revenue Code. Section seven of the notice provides that the volume cap is to be allocated in at least two tranches, the first of which would not exceed \$1 billion in total with a \$30 million limitation per Indian tribal government.

The IRS received 58 applications requesting a total of \$1,329,487,364.88 in volume cap available under the first tranche. Pursuant to the notice, the IRS allocated pro rata amounts of volume cap to the projects described in the applications such that the total amount allocated under the first tranche did not exceed \$1 billion.

For those applicants who elected to consent to public disclosure, the IRS is releasing an <u>allocation schedule</u> showing the names of the Indian tribal governments, the types and locations of the projects described in the applications and the amounts of the awarded allocations.